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Subject: RE: 316(b) hydro update.
Attachments: WA Hydro Dams NPDES wkly update, 1/29

Hi Marcus. Welcome back. You are correct on the Idaho project. We have completed response to comments, the ESA process is done with no additional controls, and the state is waiting for us to provide the final permit and they are prepared to issue a final cert. So we are only waiting on 316(b) direction from HQ and then we can issue the final permit.

I've attached an update from Jenny Wu on the Washington permits. As you'll see there are a number of activities underway but if we can get 316(b) direction soon we are targeting early March for initiation of the public comment period for the draft permits.

There is a page 1 article in the Seattle Times today on water quality issues around the Columbia/Snake River dams. I'll forward a copy of that to you next. Interesting read. Thanks - Mike

From: Zobrist, Marcus
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Hi Mike,

Please remind me of the status of the ID and WA hydro 316(b) permits. I believe you are still waiting on some clarity direction from OW. I'm asking because I want to tee this up for Andrew to ask OW for status. The last I recall the Idaho Hydro GP (with 4 facilities expected to seek coverage) had completed ESA Section 7 review, with no additional controls required beyond what they are currently doing. Any update on the WA permits? A short response or if you have a fact sheet or something handy, that would suffice.

Hope your time off due to the shutdown was relaxing.

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